



## CLOSURE PLAN APPROVAL AND CEQA

### 4.1 - DRAFT CLOSURE PLAN AND CEQA DETERMINATION PUBLIC NOTICE/COMMENT PERIOD

This is the point in the closure process where the revised closure plan that has been submitted by the facility is technically satisfactory to the permit writer. Also at this point the CEQA initial study has been completed. It is assumed in this chapter that the result of the initial study is that a negative declaration is recommended to be prepared versus an environmental impact report (EIR). If an EIR is required, the permit writer is advised to consult with his/her supervisor since this is a lengthy process and the following actions would not be done until the final EIR is certified approved by the department.

The permit writer is referred to the department's Public Participation Guidance Manual for detailed procedures on what is required to public notice the draft closure plan and its associated CEQA determination.

The following events are listed for informative purposes to indicate to the permit writer what should be accomplished during this phase of the closure process:

! Public notice as display ad in local newspaper that the department is soliciting public comments on the draft closure plan and CEQA determination. The public comment period for closure plans and CEQA is 30 days.

Note: It is assumed that a public hearing will not be planned unless the site/closure is controversial and if a hearing is planned the public comment period should be 45 days with the hearing planned for 30 days after the notice appears in the newspaper.

! Copies of the public notice and a fact sheet are mailed to:

- a. The facility;
- b. The Department's mandatory mailing list;
- c. Elected officials who should be informed;
- d. Contiguous property owners/residents; and
- e. Others who have expressed interest in the facility's hazardous waste operations.

! Ten (10) copies of the CEQA determination must be sent to the Department/CEQA unit which will log and forward to the Office of Planning and Research/Sacramento including:

- a. Notice of completion and environmental document transmittal form;
- b. An initial environmental study with a site map;
- c. Proposed negative declaration;
- d. Completed environmental checklist form;
- e. Cover letter to the Office of Planning and Research.

! Copies of the draft closure plan and the CEQA package must be placed in a local library by the first day of the public comment period.

During the public comment period the permit writer should compile all written comments received and start preparing the response to comments summary (see Chapter 4.2 for instructions).

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